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**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Norio HAGA et al.	Art Unit: 2672
Serial No.: 09/171,236	
Filed: July 13, 1999	Examiner: M. Good-Johnson
Title: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to September 17, 2004, by the accompanying Petition for a ONE-month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page _____ of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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